



The Secretary of State for External Affairs
Canada

October 1, 1964.

Dear Mr. Chance,

I have the honour to advise you that the Governments of the United States and Canada have been informed that the waters crossing the international boundary in the Red River are polluted by sewage and industrial wastes. Having in mind the provisions of Article IV of the Boundary Waters Treaty signed January 11, 1909, that boundary waters and waters flowing across the boundary shall not be polluted on either side to the injury of health or property on the other side, the two Governments have agreed upon a joint reference of the matter to the International Joint Commission, pursuant to the provisions of Article IX of said treaty. The Commission is requested to inquire into and to report to the two Governments upon the following questions:

- 1) Are the waters referred to in the preceding paragraph being polluted on either side of the international boundary to an extent which is causing, or likely to cause, injury to health or property on the other side of the boundary?
- 2) If the foregoing question is answered in the affirmative, to what extent, by what causes, and in what localities is such pollution taking place?
- 3) If the Commission should find that pollution of the character just referred to is taking place, what remedial measures would, in its judgement, be most practicable from the economic, sanitary and other points of view and what would be the probable cost thereof?

For the purpose of assisting the Commission in making the investigation and recommendations provided for in this Reference,

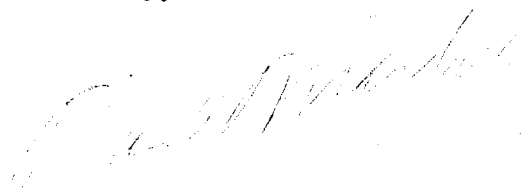


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the two Governments will, upon request, make available to the Commission the services of engineers and other specially qualified personnel of their governmental agencies, and such information and technical data as may have been acquired by such agencies or as may be acquired by them during the course of the investigation.

It would be appreciated if the Commission would submit its report and recommendations to the two Governments as soon as practicable.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of the Secretary, Mr. D. G. Chance, is written over the typed name.

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